HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Stevenson

A RESOLUTION honoring the Highland, Indiana, 13 year old Babe Ruth Baseball All-Star team on winning the Indiana State championship.

Whereas, The Highland, Indiana, 13 year old Babe Ruth Baseball All-Star team recently won the Indiana state championships;

Whereas, Highland, Indiana, was the smallest community representing any state at the Ohio Valley regional tournament, proving once again that quality not quantity is what really makes the difference;

Whereas, After achieving a record of 4-1 in the district tournament, the Highland team advanced to the regional

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tournament in South Bend, Indiana;

Whereas, Highland finished the South Bend tournament with a 4-0 record and advanced to the championship series against Kokomo;

Whereas, The championship series was a best of three games series;

Whereas, After two games, the series was tied at one apiece, forcing a playoff game that Highland won 12-2;

Whereas, Team members Max Bement, Jason Dills, Andrew Drake, Brian Gentry, Brian Jelski, Zach Kikalos, Mike McFarland, Matt Neidow, Keith Peterson, Kyle Ruebel, Tom Silaj, Tim Usher, Jon Velasco, Bob Weishar, and Steve Zaborowski put in countless number of hours in order to become the Indiana Babe Ruth Baseball 13 year old state champions;

Whereas, In addition to the dedication and hard work of the team members, coaches Nick Kikalos and Kyle Ruebel and manager Dave Neidow provided the necessary support and motivation that enabled these exceptional young people to achieve such a lofty level of excellence;

Whereas, In addition to the team, coaches, and manager, the parents provided the outside support and motivation that helped this team reach the state championship; and

Whereas, Excellence at this level deserves special recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

l	SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2	congratulate the Highland, Indiana, 13 year old Babe Ruth Baseball
3	All-Star team on its victory in the state championship.

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the team members, coaches, and manager.

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